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In re Application of
Shlomo Shlafman
Application No. 09/768,697
Filed: January 23, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 6727/11204US1

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: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION
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This is a decision on the paper filed May 4, 2001, which is being treated as a petition requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of January 23, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of January 24, 2001.

Petitioners allege that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on January 23, 2001. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail receipt No. EL706719616US (the same Express Mail number found on the original application papers located in the official file) showing a "date in" of January 23, 2001.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. The application will be accorded a filing date of January 23, 2001.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division for further processing with a filing date of January 23, 2001, and issuance of a corrected filing receipt. Afterwards, the application will be returned to Technology Center Art Unit 2164 for examination in due course.

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